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The following references have been cited in the German and European Search Reports dated (DE) July 14, 2003 and (EP) December 17, 2003 in parallel applications (copies of the Search Reports are enclosed).

1. Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 09159935 published June 20, 1997 (Japanese Application No. 07323032)
2. Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 04358110 published December 11, 1992 (Japanese Application No. 03134181)
3. German Gebrauchsmusterschrift No. DE 202 05 079U1 July 18, 2002
Title: "Variable Pin Hole Aperture and Confocal Scanning Microscope"
Summary: A variable pinhole aperture with two relatively movable aperture parts with respect to each other characterized in that the aperture parts are rotatable about a common rotational axis.
4. German Offenlegungsschrift No. DE 101 32 119 A1 January 16, 2003
Title: Motorized Aperture for an Optical Construction Group
Summary: For photographic objectives with electromechanical settable aperture diaphragms, an aperture with as few as possible mechanical parts (also for small objective diameters) should be combined. The aperture opening can be directly controlled, that is, without necessary control loop.

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Title: Aperture Arrangement for Optoelectronic Sensing of Presentations
Summary: An aperture arrangement for pointwise electrooptically sensing of presentations by which the sensing point is set from a central main field and a field surrounding the central main field.
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Title: Piezoelectric Settable Valve and Method for its Manufacture
Summary: A settable aperture, consisting of two rotatable first shanks arranged about its middle as well as two second shanks.
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